

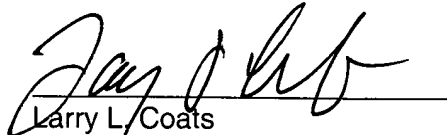
REMARKS

Applicant carefully reviewed the comments of the Examiner as set forth in the official Office Action and the comments of the Appeal Board set forth in the Decision on Appeal. In response, Applicant cancels pending claims 1, 2, 4 – 8, 10 – 16, and 19 – 24, and adds new claims 25 – 42. New independent claim 25 corresponds to previously pending claims 1 and 9, while new independent claim 39 corresponds to previously pending claims 15 and 18. New dependent claims 26 – 41 and 40 – 42 correspond to the previously pending dependent claims. No new matter is added.

In the Decision on Appeal, the Appeal Board reversed all rejections cited against claims 9 and 18. Because new independent claims 25 and 39 include the limitations of allowable claims 9 and 18, respectively, new claims 25 - 42 stand in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all rejections and allow the application to move forward to allowance. If any issues remain unresolved, Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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